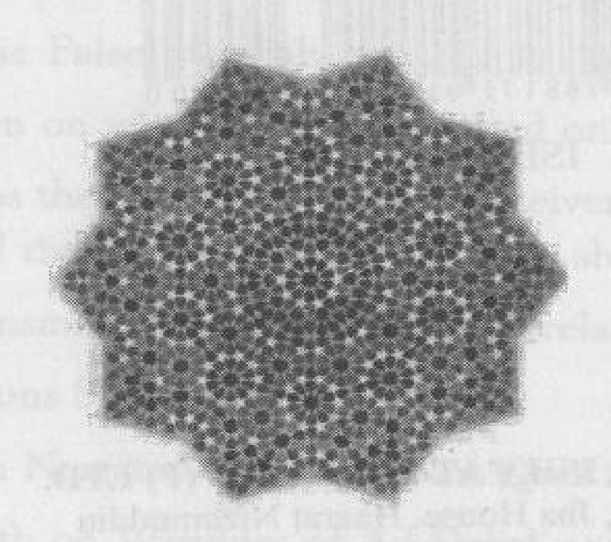
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In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful
We seek refuge in Allah

Praise be to Allah and peace and blessings be upon the Seal of Prophets, his Family, Companions and whomsoever was rightly guided by him.

The Prophet ﷺ admonished his nation against the cursed False Messiah. His admonition was so great and so emphasized that he described this calumniator and wrongdoer in detail and mentioned his seductions and traits so as to make him easily recognizable to all Muslims, so they would be able to escape his temptations and his aberration. Additionally, the Prophet ﷺ foretold his course from advent to death.

The Prophet ﷺ stated his colour, height, width, eye shape and the inscriptions on his forehead. Moreover, our Prophet ﷺ cited his seductions; methods of the aberrance he brings about; the means of salvation from him and how to escape from his wickedness and temptations. Also, the Prophet ﷺ mentioned his current location, and that he would emerge out of his own wrath; his starting point; his followers; how long he would stay; how he would spread mischief and corruption and the impregnable, unapproachable place for him to harm its dwelling believers.

Our Prophet ﷺ made mention of how this malicious cursed devil's matter would come to an end, where he would perish and who would be his victims and, to warn us against him, his evil and temptation. May he be cursed!

Accordingly, the Muslim nation has to comply with the following in view of this prophetic admonition:

1. Believe positively and definitely in every letter uttered by the Prophet ﷺ in this regard without alteration or hesitancy; for example, not to follow the ignorant and perverse in saying that the False Messiah is a symbol of money and its importance, or modern civilization and its significance and the like!

2. Protect oneself against his evil and seductions by being steadfast in fearing Allah, the Almighty, and seeking refuge in Him from Satan and other things our dear reader will know at the end of this treatise.

3. Disseminate this among the people so they may know him and his temptations. This is part of observing the Sunnah as our Prophet ﷺ always made mention of him. Identifying, admonishing and warning against him!

4. Taking great care in "Unifying Allah's Names and Attributes" because such a unification - if followed in the footsteps of the adherents of the Sunnah, and the righteous forefathers - will lead the believer to exalt his Lord, glorified and exalted be He. This bequeaths the believers heart with recognition of Allah through His Names, Attributes, and Acts. It will bequeath him with the fact that Allah, the Almighty is:

"The Lord of all Creation and the Deity of all Creation"

"The Integral, Beautiful, Honorable and Majestic.. .in His Attributes, Qualities and Acts"

"The Sovereign, The Holy,
The Source of Peace, The Giver of Faith,
The One, The Eternal,
The Compassionate, The Most Merciful,

The Pardoner, The Oft-Forgiving,
The Great Forgiver, The Kind,
The All-Hearing, The All-Knowing,
The Aware, The All-Seeing,
The All-Triumphant, The Grand,
The Creator, The Maker,
The Fashioner, The Laudable,
The Supreme, The Bountiful,
The First, The Last,
The Manifest, The Immanent,
The Righteous, The True,
The All-Wise, The Clement,
The Great One, The Living One,
The Eternal Guardian, The Provider,
The Witness, The Watchful,
The Hearkener, The Appreciative,
The Most Strong, The Powerful,
The Overcomer, The Almighty,
The Justly Proud, The Loving One,
The Advocate, The Patron,
The Bestower"!!

"Allah is unparalleled in His Identity, Attributes and Dealings. None of His creatures matches Him. Verily, when He intends a thing, His Command is "Be", and it is! "It is He Who started creation and to Him will it all be brought back. It is easy for Him."

"He ﷻ set the supreme example in heaven and on earth."

"Light is His Veil, if He ﷻ unveils it, His luminous

Face will burn all creatures who happen to come in His range of vision."

"Blessed be He in Whose hands is Dominion; He over all things has Power in heavens and on earth and whatsoever live in them all and beyond in all perfection Allah, Mighty and Sublime be He deserves."

He ﷻ is in no need of any of His creatures that all seek His Help and make request of Him, glorified and exalted be He. How to need them and in Whose hands is bliss and misery, right guidance and going astray, giving life and putting to death, saving life, annihilation, facilitation, hardening, bodies, souls, day, night. air, trees, fruits, mountains, seas, rivers, earth and all on it, heavens and all it has including stars, planets and galaxies.

This is Allah, the Honorable, and the Majestic! Exalted be His Self! Verily He said in His Holy Qur'an (He is unparalleled)

If the servant inherits this from his Lord, the idea that the False Messiah is Allah, Mighty and Sublime is He, will not come into his mind; he will never believe him to be Allah, the Honorable, the Majestic.

Does Allah eat, drink, urinate, and defecate? Definitely no!

Is Allah primarily one-eyed or a human being? Absolutely not!

is Allah encompassed by earth or surrounded by creatures? Not in the least!

Does Allah love corruption and the corruptors and have hate for monotheism and the glorifying monotheists? Never!

O dear believers remain steadfast and know your Lord, Mighty and Sublime is He, His Majesty. There is no god but Allah, the True, the One, the Perfect, the Sublime, the Beautiful, the Superior, the Pride, the Omnipotent, the Sovereign!

The False Messiah is by no means Allah, but one of His creatures. An affliction people suffer as others in worldly existence. It is their greatest visitation!

Monotheism will impress the monotheists' hearts and keep them steadfast and immovable. Their knowledge of Allah and the Unity of His Names and Attributes will make them more believing and adhering, and keep them from being seduced by this False Messiah as long as heavens and earth remain.

Those who have no true recognition and knowledge of Allah, Mighty and Sublime is He, will resort to this False Messiah, this meager, facile and mean creature, as their god. There is no god but Allah!

They are cruel hearts that keep from glorifying and praising Allah! They have never known the Sublimity of Allah! They abstained from and did not continue glorification; they turned away and did not proceed or dedicate themselves; they did without while not wanting!

Undoubtedly, these creatures will be more deserving of Hell. God save us from all seductions and cruel, unmindful hearts like these! We seek the help of Allah!

Before proceeding to verifying this treatise, I feel it appropriate to give a short biography of its author: Imam Al-Hafez Ibn Kathir (May Allah have mercy on him)

Biography of the Author

Name, Lineage and Family

Imadud-Din Abul Fida': Ismael Ibn Kathir was born in Busra of Syria (Sha'm) and brought up in Damascus.

Birth: In the Year Seven Hundred and One (A.H.701).

Death: Died in The Year Seven Hundred and Seventy- Four (A.H. 774).

Academic and Education Background

It was reported that he started his education at an early age. His father worked as a preacher (khateeb) in a small village in Busra and moved to Damascus in A.H. 706. His son, the Imam, was raised in this ancient, deep-rooted city, crowded with eminent men and Muslim scholars, where he was brought up among them as an educated and well-behaved young man.

His Teachers (Sheikhs)

Numerous, topped by Ibn Taymiyyah and Imam Abul-Hajjaj Al-Mezei. He was related by marriage to Al-Mezei and accompanied him for a long time. He greatly loved Ibn Taymiyyah, advocated his views and defended them with great zeal.

Publications/Compilations

Numerous, including his "Interpretation of The Holy Qur'an", *"Al-Bidaya wa-al-Nihaya"* (Beginning and End), "Ikhtisar Ulum-ul-Hadith" (Hadith Science Abstract), "Al-Huda Wa-al Sunnan Fi-Ahadith Al-Masaneed Wa-al Sunnan" widely known as "Jami' Al-

Masaneed". The latter is one of the greatest authorities on the Science of Hadith in the world- praise be to our Lord, the Merciful, it is printed.

Scientific Standing

A well-known memorizer (Hafiz) and Imam, he diligently took pains to learn from early life until he ranked as an Imam. He gave religious verdicts, taught and excelled in Islamic jurisprudence, interpretation, hadith, and grammar. He scrutinized narrators of Hadith for trustworthiness. Al-Hafez-ul-Zahaby made mention of him in "Muswadat Tabaqatul Hafez"; Al-Zahaby is one of his Sheikhs who died twenty-six years before him. Referring to him in "Al-Mu'jam Al-Mukhtas" "Specialized Dictionary", his Sheikh, Zahaby testified:

"He is an accurate religious scholar; a verifying narrator; an analytic Quran interpreter who has effective compilations".

He is widely beloved among Muslim masses and elite in our time. Everybody is keen on acquiring his available books to make use of them.

May Allah, the Almighty, have mercy on this great Imam, ourselves, and all Muslims. Amen!

Important Note

In this text all words and statements put between-(dashes) are mine. Anywhere you find... it indicates an omission from the original text.

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By: Abu-Mohammed Essam Ibn Marie, May Allah forgive him, his dearly beloved and all Muslims.

AD-DAJJAL: The False Messiah

Al-Hafez, Imam Sheikh-ul- Islam, widely known as "Ibn Kathir" May Allah, blessed be He, have mercy upon him, Said in his Book: "An-Nihaya Fi-al-Fitan Wa almalahim" (Finale in Seductions and Epic):

The Hour will not turn up until Jesus Christ - Son of Mary - the Peace of Allah be upon him - kills the cursed False Messiah or until the light of good prevails over the darkness of falsehood!

Imam Muslim reported, on the authority of Abu Huraira, that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "The Last Hour will not come until the Romans land at al-A'maq or in Dabiq. An army consisting of the best (soldiers) of the people on Earth at that time will come from Madinah (to oppose them). When they arrange themselves in ranks, the Romans will say: Do not stand between us and those (Muslims) who took prisoners from among us. Let us fight them. The Muslims will say: Nay, by Allah, we shall never turn aside from you and from our brothers so that you may fight them. They will then fight and a third (part) of the army, whom Allah will never forgive, will run away. A third (part of the army), which will be constituted of excellent martyrs in Allah's eyes, would be killed. The third who will never be put on trial will win and they will be the conquerors of Constantinople. As they are busy in distributing the spoils of war (amongst themselves) after hanging their swords by the olive trees, Satan will cry: The Dajjal has taken your place among your families. They will then come out, but it will be of no avail. When they reach Syria, he will come out while they are still preparing themselves for battle, drawing up the ranks. Certainly, the time of prayer will come and then Jesus عليه السلام, son of Mary, will

descend and head towards them. When the enemy of Allah sees Jesus ﷺ, he will (disappear) just as salt dissolves in water and if he (Jesus) were not to confront him at all, even then he would dissolve completely. Allah will kill him by Jesus's hand and Jesus ﷺ will show Muslims his blood on his lance (the lance of Jesus Christ)."[1]

1. Hadith Sahih: reported by Imam Muslim (2897) and others with a corn? chain of authorities on the authority of Abu Huraira.

   Imam An-Nawawi said in his "Explication of Muslin" 18/21: A'maq Dabiq are locations in Syria near Aleppo.

Introduction on what has been reported on the Imposters as the Lead of the Great Deceiver, Shame on him and them! May Hell-fire be their abode!

In Al-Bukhari's Authentic Volumes, it is confirmed, on the authority of Abu Huraira ﷺ that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "The Day of Judgement will not be established till there appear about thirty liars, all of whom will be claiming to be messengers of Allah..." It was related in a typical version in Sahih Muslim, on the authority of Abu Huraira.[1]

Imam Ahmed documented, on the authority of Abi Bakra, who said: "They gave much talk of Musaylama before the Messenger of Allah ﷺ uttered the firm saying." He ﷺ delivered a sermon and said: "He is one of thirty liars who will appear before the Hour. The terror caused by Al-Masih Ad-Dajjal will enter every city."[2]

Imam Ahmed reported another Hadith, on the authority of Abi Bakra, who said: "He is one of thirty liars who will appear before the False Messiah; the terror caused by Al-Masih Ad-Dajjal will enter all cities except for Madinah, where there will be two angels at every mountain gateway, so that Ad-Dajjal's terror will not enter it."

1. Hadith Sahih: Reported by al-Bukhari, Vol.9, p.36. Hadith 7121, and Muslim. Vol.4, p.2239.
2. Hadith Daeef (Weak Hadith).

Sayings transmitted on some Ad-Dajjal related Hadiths and Traditions Stated on Ibn Sayyad

Imam Muslim related that Abdullah, the son of Umar, narrated that Umar Ibn al-Khattab ؓ and a group of the Companions of the Prophet ﷺ set out with the Prophet ﷺ to Ibn Sayyad. He found him playing with some boys near the hillocks of Bani Maghala. Ibn Sayyad at that time was nearing his puberty. He did not notice (the prophet's ﷺ presence) till the Prophet ﷺ struck him on the back with his hand and said, "Ibn Sayyad! Do you testify that I am Allah's Messenger?" Ibn Sayyad looked at him and said, "I testify that you are the Messenger of illiterates." Then Ibn Sayyad asked the Prophet ﷺ, "Do you testify that I am the messenger of Allah?" The Prophet ﷺ said to him, "I believe in Allah and His Messengers." The Prophet ﷺ said (to Ibn Sayyad), "What do you see?" Ibn Sayyad replied, "True people and false ones visit me." The Prophet ﷺ said, "Your mind is confused about this matter." The Prophet ﷺ added, "I have something (in mind) for you. "Ibn Sayyad said, "It is Ad-Dukh." The Prophet ﷺ said (to him): "Shame on you! You cannot cross your limits." On that Umar Ibn al-Khattab ؓ said, "O Allah's Messenger! Allow me to chop his head off." The Prophet ﷺ said, "If he should be him (Ad-Dajjal) then you cannot overpower him, and should he not be him then you are not going to benefit by murdering him."

Salem said: "I heard Abdullah, the son of Umar Ibn Al-Khattab say: "Allah's Messenger ﷺ went with Ubai bin Ka'b to the garden of date-palms where Ibn Sayyad was staying. When the Prophet ﷺ entered the garden, he hid himself behind the trunks of the date-palms as he wanted to hear something from Ibn Sayyad before

the latter could see him. Ibn Sayyad was lying in his bed, covered with a velvet sheet from where his murmurs were heard. Ibn Sayyad's mother saw the Prophet ﷺ, while he was hiding behind the trunks of the date-palms. She addressed Ibn Sayyad, 'O Saf!' (That was his name). Ibn Sayyad got up. The Prophet ﷺ said, "Had this woman left him to himself, he would have shown himself for what he was."

In a third version-:

Then the Prophet ﷺ got up amongst the people, glorifying Allah as He deserves, and mentioned Ad-Dajjal, saying, "I warn you about him (Ad-Dajjal) and there is no Prophet who did not warn his nation about him. Noah warned his nation about him, but I tell you a statement which no Prophet informed his nation of. You should understand that he is a one-eyed man and Allah is not one-eyed."

The origin of this Hadith is related by al-Bukhari, on the authority of Salem.[1]

Also, Muslim related a Hadith of Ubaid Allah Ibn Umar al Ameri, on the authority of Nafi', on the authority of Ibn Umar, that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ mentioned the Messiah Ad-Dajjal in front of the people saying: "Allah is not one-eyed, but Messiah Ad-Dajjal is blind in the right eye and his eye looks like a bulging-out grape."[2]

Imam Muslim related a part of Shu'ba's Hadith, on the authority of Qata'da, on the authority of Anas, who said that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "There was no prophet but warned his followers of the one-eyed liar (Ad-Dajjal). He is one-eyed while your Lord is not one-eyed. The word Kafir (unbeliever) is written between his two eyes."

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1. Hadith Sahih: Reported by al-Bukhari, Vol.3, p.57, 1353-1355 and Muslim, 2930-2931.
2. Hadith Sahih: Reported by Muslim, p.2241- 2248, and al-Bukhari, p.3439- 7123.

It was also related by Imam Al-Bukhari from Shu'ba's Hadith in these words.[1]

Imam Muslim related on the authority of Anas: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "Ad-Dajjal's eye is distorted, he would have the word Kafir (unbeliever) written on his forehead", then he ﷺ spelt it 'KFR' (the root of the Arabic verb "unbelieve"), which could be read by all Muslims"[2]

Imam Muslim reported, on the authority of Hudhaifa, that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "I know better than Ad-Dajjal himself what he will bring forth. He will have two running rivers: One of them meets the eye as white water, and the other meets the eye as blazing fire. If anyone of you comes across him, he should approach the river which will appear to him as fire, shut his eyes, then bend and drink, for it is but cold water. Ad-Dajjal is eye-distorted, with a thick nail on his eyes. He would have the word Kafir (unbeliever) written on his forehead which could be read by all believers, literate or illiterate". This was also related by Al-Bukhari in the same words.[3]

In another version by Muslim, on the authority of Hudhaifa, "Ad-Dajjal is one-eyed, the left eye being stone blind, with curly hair. He will bring forth what would seem to be Paradise and what would seem to be Hell. His Hell will be actually Paradise and his Paradise will be actually Hell."[4]

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1. Hadith Sahih: Reported by al-Bukhari (7131) and Muslim (2933), on the authority of Shu'ba, but the wording is Muslim's. The chain of narrations is Sahih.
2. Hadith Sahih: Reported by Muslim, Vol.4, p. 2248. The chain of narrations is Sahih
3. Hadith Sahih: Reported by Muslim, Vol.4, p.2249, and the chain of narrations is Sahih, and by Al-Bukhari (p. 3450 - 7130).
4. Reported by Muslim, 2934, Ibn Majah, 4071 and others, on the authority of Hudhaifa. The Hadith is classified as Marfu' (Elevated: a narration from the Prophet ﷺ mentioned by a Companion. e.g. "The Prophet] said..."

Al-Bukhari and Muslim reported, on the authority of Abu Huraira, that Allah's Messenger ﷺ said: "Shall I tell you about the Dajjal a story of which no prophet told his nation'? The Dajjal is one-eyed and will bring with him what will resemble Hell and Paradise, and what he will call Paradise will be actually Hell; so, I warn you of him as Noah warned his nation of him"[1]

Al-Bukhari and Muslim narrated, on the authority of Muhammad Ibn Al-Munkadir: "I saw Jabir Ibn Abdullah swearing by Allah that Ibn Sayyad was the Dajjal. I said to Jabir, "How can you swear by Allah?" Jabir said, "I have heard Umar swearing by Allah regarding this matter in the presence of the Prophet ﷺ, and the Prophet ﷺ did not disapprove of it."[2]

Also. Muslim narrated the Hadith of Ibn Nafi' that Ibn 'Umar met Ibn Sayyad along some tracks in Madinah and spoke to him in a way that infuriated him. He became puffed up enough to fill the road.

In another narration: Ibn Sayyad snorted forcibly like a donkey and Ibn 'Umar hit him so sharply that his stick broke.

Ibn 'Umar dropped in on the Mother of the Faithful Hafsa who said: "What have you sought to get out of Ibn Sayyad? Aren't you aware of the fact that Allah's Messenger ﷺ, said: "He will appear out of anger.[3]

Some scholars said: "Some Companions thought that Ibn Sayyad was the Dajjal, but he was not, he was a small one (Dajjal)."

It was confirmed in Sahih Muslim, on the authority of Abu Sa'id Al-Khudri who said: "I accompanied Ibn Sayyad to Makkah.

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1. Hadith Sahih: Reported by al-Bukhari (3338) and Muslim (2936), on the authority of Abu Huraira. The Hadith is Marfu' and its chain of narrations is Sahih. The wording is Muslim's.
2. 'Hadith Sahih: Reported by al-Bukhari (7355) and Muslim (2929) with a good chain of narrations, on the authority of Ibn al-Munkadir.
3. Hadith Sahih: Reported by Imam Muslim (2932) on the authority of Ibn Umar.

He said to me: 'I suffered a lot from people who claim that I am the Dajjal. Haven't you heard Allah's Messenger ﷺ say: "He has no offspring.' I replied: 'Yes'. He continued, "I have had offspring." "Haven't you heard Allah's Messenger ﷺ say: "He (Dajjal) will enter neither Madinah nor Makkah". I said: "Yes" He continued: "I was born in Madinah and I am heading for Makkah.

In another narration: "Hasn't Allah's Messenger ﷺ said: "He (the Dajjal) is a Jew" and I embraced Islam. Truly, I swear by Allah that I know now where he (the Dajjal) is and who his parents are. Abu Sa'id said: "He was asked: 'Would you be pleased to be that man (the Dajjal)?' He replied: If I had been proposed, I would not have been unwilling."[1]

This means that Ibn Sayyad is definitely not the False Messiah who will appear at the end of the world. This is confirmed by the Hadith reported by Fatima Bint Qays Ai-Fihriyya. It is a decisive proof in this context; Allah knows best.

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1. Hadith Sahih: Reported by Imam Muslim (2927) on the authority of Abu Sa'id.

The Hadith Narrated by Fatima Bint Qays Al-Fihriyya

Imam Muslim related with a chain of authorities from Ibn Buraida that A'mir Ibn Sharahil Ash-Sha'bi' narrated: I asked Fatima Bint Qays, one of the first Emigrant women, and sister of Ad-Dhaha'ak Ibn Qays to relate a Hadith she had heard directly from the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, with no other chain of authorities.

She said: "I heard the voice of an announcer declaring that the prayer would be observed in the mosque. So I set out towards the mosque and observed prayer with Allah's Messenger ﷺ. I was in the row of the women, which was near the row of men. When Allah's Messenger ﷺ had finished his prayer, he sat at the pulpit, smiling, and said: Every worshipper should remain sitting in his place. He then said: Do you know why I have asked you to assemble? They said: Allah and His apostle know best. He said: By Allah, I have not made you assemble for exhortation or for a warning. I have called you here because Tamim Dari, a Christian who came and accepted Islam, told me something which agrees with what I was telling you about the Dajjal.

He narrated to me that he had been sailing in a ship with thirty men of Banu Lakhm and Banu Judham, and had been tossed by waves in the ocean for a month. Then these (waves) took them (near) an island at the time of sunset. They sat in a small rowing-boat and landed on that island. There was a beast with long thick hair (and because of this) they could not distinguish his face from his back. They said: Woe to you, who can you be'? Thereupon it said: I am al-Jassasah. They said: What is al-Jassasah? It said: O people, go to this person in the monastery as he is very eager to know about you. He (the narrator) said: When it named a person

for us we were afraid of it lest it should be a Devil. Then we hurried on till we came to that monastery and found a well-built person there with his hands tied to his neck and iron shackles gripping his legs by the ankles. We said: Woe to you, who are you? He said: You will soon come to know about me, but tell me who you are. We said: We are people from Arabia and we embarked on a boat but the waves have been driving us for one month and they brought us near this island. We took to the rowing-boats and landed on this island. Here a beast with profusely thick hair met us and because of the thickness of his hair his face could not be distinguished from his back. We said: Woe be to you, who are you? It said: I am al-Jassasah. We said: What is al-Jassasah? It said: You go to this very person in the monastery for he is eagerly waiting for you to know about you. So we came to you in hot haste fearing that that might be the Devil.

He (that chained person) said: Tell me about the date-palm trees of Baysan. We said: In which respect do you seek information about it? He said: I ask you whether these trees bear fruit or not. We said: Yes. Thereupon he said: I think these will not bear fruit. He said: Inform me about the lake of Tabariyyah? We said: What do you want to know about it? He said: Is there water in it? They said: There is an abundance of water in it. Thereupon he said: I think it will soon dry up. He again said: Inform me about the spring of Zughar. They said: What do you want to know about it? He (the chained person) said: Is there water in it and does it irrigate (the land)? We said to him: Yes, there is an abundance of water in it and the inhabitants (of Madinah) irrigate (land) with its help. He said: Inform me about the unlettered Prophet; what has he done? We said: He has left Makkah and has settled in Yathrib (Madinah). He said: Do the Arabs fight against him? We said: Yes. He said: How does he deal with him? We informed him that he had overcome those in his neighbourhood and they had submitted themselves before him. Thereupon he said to us: Had it actually happened? We said: Yes. Thereupon he said: If it is so, it is better for them that they show obedience to him. I am going to tell you about

myself. I am the Dajjal and will be soon permitted to leave. So I shall leave and travel in the land, and shall not spare any town where I shall not stay for forty nights except Makkah and Madinah: these two (places) are prohibited (areas) for me and I shall not attempt to enter either of them. An angel with a sword in his hand will confront me and bar my way and there will be angels to guard every road leading to it. Then Allah's Messenger ﷺ, striking the pulpit with the end of his staff said: This implies Tayba, meaning Madinah. Have I not told you an account (of the Dajjal) like this? The people said: 'Yes', and the Prophet ﷺ continued: 'I liked this account by Tamim Dari, for it corroborates the account which I gave to you in regard to him (Dajjal) at Madinah and Makkah. Behold, he (Dajjal) is in the Syrian sea (Mediterranean) or the Yemen sea (Arabian sea). Nay, on the contrary, he is in the east, he is in the east, he is in the east, and he pointed with his hand towards the east. I (Fatimah bint Qays) said: I preserved it in my mind (this narration from Allah's Messenger ﷺ)[1]

Therefore, the number of hadiths reported with regard to Ibn Sayyad are numerous, but the question is this: is he the Dajjal or not? Probably, Ibn Sayyad was confused with the Dajjal before Allah ﷻ revealed to His Messenger ﷺ the distinguishing marks and attributes of the Dajjal. Also, the above Hadith of Tamim Dari confirmed the fact that Ibn Sayyad is not the Dajjal.

1. Hadith Sahih: Reported by Imam Muslim (2942).

Some Hadith on Warnings of Ad-Dajjal, His Description and What He Will Bring Forth.

Imam Al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim related, on the authority of Abdullah Ibn Umar, that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "While I was asleep and circling the Ka'bah (in my dream), suddenly I saw a man of brown complexion and lank hair, with his hands on two men's shoulders, and water was dripping from his head. I asked, 'Who is this?' the people said, 'he is the son of Mary.' Then I turned my face to see another man with red complexion, big body, curly hair, and blind in the right eye, which looked like a protruding grape. I asked, 'Who is he?' They replied, 'He is Ad-Dajjal. Ibn Qatan, a man from Khuza' a, resembles him more than anybody else among the people".[15]

On the authority of an-Nawwas Ibn Sam'an, Imam Muslim reported that Allah's Messenger ﷺ mentioned the Dajjal one day in the morning. He sometimes described him as insignificant and sometimes described (his turmoil) as very significant (and we felt) as if he were in the cluster of the date-palm trees. When we went to him (to the Holy Prophet ﷺ) in the evening and he read (the signs of fear) on our faces, he said: What is the matter with you? We said: Allah's Apostle ﷺ, you mentioned the Dajjal this morning (sometimes describing him) as insignificant and sometimes very important, until we began to think he was present in some (nearby) part of the cluster of the date-palm trees. So he said: I harbour fear in regard to you in so many other things besides the Dajjal. If he

15. Hadith Sahih: Reported by Imam Muslim (169) and Imam al-Bukhari (5902-6999).

comes forth while I am among you, I shall contend with him on your behalf, but if he comes forth while I am not among you, a man must contend on his own behalf and Allah will take care of every Muslim on my behalf (and safeguard him against Dajjal's evil). He (the Dajjal) will be a young man with twisted, cropped hair, and a blind eye. I compare him with Abdul Uzza Ibn Qatan. He who among you will survive to see him should recite over him the opening verses of Surah al-Kahf.

He will appear on the way between Syria and Iraq and will spread mischief right and left. O servant of Allah! Adhere (to the path of Truth). We said: Allah's Apostle ﷺ, how long will he stay on Earth? He said: For forty days, one day like a year, one day like a month, one day like a week, and the rest of the days will be like your days. We said: Allah's Apostle ﷺ, will one day's prayer suffice for the prayers of the day equal to one year? Thereupon he said: No, but you must make an estimate of the time (and then observe prayer). We said: Allah's apostle ﷺ, how quickly will he walk upon the earth? Thereupon he ﷺ said: Like cloud driven by the wind. He will come to the people and invite them (to a wrong religion); they will affirm their faith in him and respond to him. He will then give a command to the sky: there will be rainfall upon the Earth and it will grow crops.

Then in the evening, their pasturing animals will come to them with their humps very high, their udders full of milk and their flanks distended. He will then come to another people and invite them. But they will reject him so he will go away from them. They will have a drought and nothing will be left with them in the form of wealth.

He will then walk through the desert and say to it: Bring forth your treasures. The treasures will come out and gather before him like a swarm of bees. He will then call someone in the flush of youth, strike him with the sword, cut him into two pieces and make these pieces lie at the distance which is generally between the archer and his target. He will then call (that young man) and he will come forward laughing with his face gleaming (with happiness). It will at

this very time that Allah will send Christ, son of Mary. He will descend at the white minaret on the eastern side of Damascus, wearing two garments lightly dyed with saffron and placing his hands on the wings of two Angels. When he lowers his head, there will fall beads of perspiration from his head, and when he raises it up, beads like pearls will scatter from it. Every unbeliever who smells the odour of his body will die and his breath will reach as far as he is able to see. He will then search for him (Dajjal) until he catches hold of him at the gate of Ludd and kills him.

Then a people whom Allah had protected will come to Jesus, son of Mary, and he will wipe their faces and inform them of their ranks in Paradise. It will be under such conditions that Allah will reveal to Jesus ﷺ these words: I have brought forth from among My servants such people against whom none will be able to fight; you take these people safely to Tur, and then Allah will send Gog and Magog and they will swarm down from every slope. The first of them will pass the lake of Tiberias and drink out of it. And when the last of them passes, he will say: There was once water there. Jesus ﷺ and his companions will then be besieged here (at Tur, and they will be so hard pressed) that the head of the ox will be dearer to them than one hundred dinars. Allah's Apostle, Jesus ﷺ, and his companions will cry to Allah ﷻ Who will send insects upon their enemies (which will attack their necks) and in the morning they will perish as one single person. Allah's Apostle, Jesus ﷺ, and his companions, will then come down to Earth and they will not find on Earth as much space as a single span that is not filled with putrefaction and stench. Allah's Apostle, Jesus ﷺ, and his companions will then beseech Allah who will send birds whose necks will be like those of Bactrian camels, and they will carry them away and throw them where Allah wills.

Then Allah will send rain which no house of mud-bricks or (tent of) camelhair will keep out and it will wash the Earth until it resembles a mirror. Then the Earth will be told to bring forth its fruit and restore its blessing and, as a result thereof, there will grow (such a big) pomegranate that a group of people will be able to eat

it and seek shelter under its skin, a dairy cow will give so much milk that a whole party will be able to drink it. The milking camel will give such (a large quantity of) milk that a whole tribe will be able to drink from it, and the milking-sheep will give so much milk that the whole family will be able to drink from it. At that time Allah will send a pleasant wind which will soothe (people) even under their armpits. He will then take the life of every Muslim and only the wicked will survive, who will commit adultery like asses, and the Last Hour will come to them."

In another version Imam Muslim added, "There was once water there" the following, "they proceed until they reach Jerusalem Mountain. Then they say: "We have killed all that is on earth. Let's go on and kill all that is in heaven. They throw their arrows which Allah turns back to them blood-tinted"[1]

On the authority of Abu Said al-Khudri, Imam al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim reported: "One day Allah's Apostle ﷺ narrated to us a long narration about AdDajjal; among the things he narrated to us was: 'Ad-Dajjal will come, and he will be forbidden to enter the mountain gateways of Madinah. He will encamp in one of the salt areas neighbouring Madinah and there will appear to him a man who will be the best or one of the best of the people. He will say, 'I testify that you are Ad-Dajjal whose story Allah's Messenger ﷺ has told us.' Ad-Dajjal will say (to his audience), 'Look, if I kill this man and then give him life, will you have any doubt about my claim?' They will reply, 'No,' Then Ad-Dajjal will kill that man and then will make him alive. The man will say, 'By Allah, now I recognize you more than ever!' Ad-Dajjal will then try to kill him (again) but he will not be given the power to do so."[2]

Muslim narrated it once again with a chain of authorities to Abi al-Waddak Jabr Ibn Nawf, on the authority of Abu Said al-Khudri, that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "Ad-Dajjal will come

1. Hadith Sahih: Reported by Imam Muslim (p. 2250-2255) on the authority of an-Nawwas Ibn Sam' an.
2. Hadith Sahih: Reported by al-Bukhari (1882-7132) and Muslim (2938).

and one of the believers will go out towards him, but ad-Dajjal's army will say to him: 'What's your destination?' He says: 'I am heading for that man who has come out (i.e. ad-Dajjal).' They will ask him, "Don't you believe in our God?" He replies, 'Our Lord is manifest.' They will say: 'Kill him.' They will tell one another: 'Has your Lord (ad-Dajjal) not forbidden you to kill anyone without his approval?' Then, they will rush to AdDajjal. When the believer sees him he will say, 'O mankind! This is Ad-Dajjal, whose story Allah's Messenger ﷺ told us.' Ad-Dajjal will order him to be tied up. He will say, 'Take him and split him into two halves.' His body and abdomen will be beaten. Ad-Dajjal will ask the believer, 'Don't you believe in me?' The believer will say, 'You are the False Messiah!' Ad-Dajjal will order him to be cut into two pieces with a saw. Ad-Dajjal will then walk between both halves and say, 'Stand up!' He (the believer) will rise upward.' Then, he asks, 'Do you believe in me?' The believer will reply, 'Now I recognize you more than ever!' and he will add, O Mankind! ad-Dajjal will never do this to anyone after me.' Ad-Dajjal will take him to the slaughter but he will not be given the power to do so as the believer's neck and clavicle be will changed into copper. Ad-Dajjal will take hold of his hands and legs to throw him in the fire, as people imagine, but, in fact, he will throw him into Paradise.'" The Prophet ﷺ, then, said: "This believer is the best martyr according to Alklah."[1]

1. Hadith Sahih: Reported by Imam Muslim (2938).

Other Assorted Hadith On Ad-Dajjal

1- Hadith of Abu Bakr As-Siddiq ﷺ

On the authority of Amru' Ibn Huraith, Imam Ahmed Ibn Hanbal reported that Abu Bakr as-Siddiq ﷺ said: "Ad-Dajjal will come forth from a land in the East called Khurasaan, followed by people whose faces resemble shields covered with skin." At-Tirmidhi and Ibn Majah also reported this Hadith and at-Tirmidhi classified it as Hasan Gharib.[1]

2- Hadith of Ubai Ibn Kaab ﷺ

On the authority of Ubai Ibn Kaab, Imam Ahmed Ibn Hanbal narrated that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ mentioned Ad-Dajjal saying: "One of his eyes looks like a green bottle, so seek refuge with Allah from the punishment of the grave."[2]

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1. A Hadith of denounced chain of transmission and text (Munkar: is a narration reported by a weak reporter which goes against another authentic Hadith) Reported by at-Tirmidhi (2237), Ibn Majah (4072), Ahmed (1/4-7), Abu Ya'la' (33 to 36), Abu Bakr Ahmed Ibn Aual-Amawi in "Musnad Abu Bakr" (57-58-59) and Al-Hakim (4/527-528), on the authority of Abu Bakr as-Siddiq. However, this Hadith contradicts that included in Sahih Muslim, as aforementioned, that ad-Dajjal will appear in a place between Syria and Iraq and not in Khurasaan.
2. Text of this Hadith is odd and repudiated! Reported by Ahmed (5/123-124), Tayalisi in his 'Musnad" (27780, al-Bukhari in his book, "At-Ta'rikh al-Kabir" (5/78-79), Abu ash-Sheikh Ibn Hayyan in "Taba qua't al-Muhaditheen Bi Asbahan" (1/374) and Abu Naeem in "Ta'rikh Asbahan" (1/347), on the authority of Ubai Ibn Kaab. Al-Bukhari's wording is too

3. Hadith of Anas Ibn Malik ﷺ

On the authority of Anas Ibn Malik, Imam Ahmed narrated: "The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "There will be no town which Ad-Dajjal will not enter except Makkah and Madinah, and there will be no entrance (road) (of both Makkah and Madinah) but the angels will be standing in rows guarding it against him. AdDajjal will come and encamp at a place close to Madinah and then Madinah will shake thrice (i.e. three earthquakes will take place) and all the male and female hypocrites will come up to him." Related by al-Bukhari and Muslim, too, on the authority of Anas in the same wording.[1]

Also, Imam Ahmed narrated, on the authority of Anas Ibn Malik ﷺ, that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "Ad-Dajjal is blind in his left eye with the word Kafir (i.e. unbeliever) or Kufr (unbelief) written between his two eyes." This Hadith fulfills the two authentic collections (by al-Bukhari and Muslim) of Hadith requirements.[2]

On the authority of Anas Ibn Malik ﷺ, Imam Muslim reported that the Prophet ﷺ said: "The Dajjal will be followed by seventy thousand Jews of Asbahaan wearing Persian shawls."[3]

Ahmed related, on the authority of Anas Ibn Malik ﷺ who said that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "Allah did not send any Prophet but that He warned his nation of the one-eyed liar (Ad-Dajjal). He is one-eyed while your Lord is not one-eyed, the word Kafir (unbeliever) is written between his two eyes." Imam Al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim also reported it on the authority of Anas Ibn Malik.[4]

= short. However, the text of this Hadith is uncommon and repudiated since Ad-Dajjal's eyes have not been so depicted in a sound hadith.

1. Hadith Sahih: Ahmed (3/19 1), Muslim (2943) and al-Bukhari (1881).
2. Hadith Sahih: Reported by Imam Ahmed (3/115-201), on the authority of Anas Ibn Malik (Hadith Marfu').
3. Hadith Sahih: Reported by Imam Muslim (2944).
4. Hadith Sahih: Reported by Imam al-Bukhari (7131) and Imam Muslim (29ر3).

4- Hadith of Safi'nah ﷺ

Imam Ahmed narrated, on the authority of Safi'nah, the servant of the Messenger of Allah , who said: "Allah's Apostle ﷺ delivered a sermon and said: 'All prophets warned their nations of Ad-Dajjal. He is blind in his left eye, his right eye has a thick pellicle and the word Kafir (unbeliever) is written between his two eyes. He will have two valleys: one is Paradise and the other is fire; (what would seem to be) fire will be Paradise and (what would seem to be) Paradise will be fire. He will be accompanied by two angels who look like two prophets. I could name them and their parents by their names: one of them will be to his right and the other to his left hand. This is his affliction. Ad-Dajjal will say: Am I not your Lord? Can I not give life and death? One angel will say: You are a liar. None will hear him except his friend who replies: You speak the truth. When people hear him, they will assume that he believes Ad-Dajjal and this is an affliction. He will march to Madinah, which he will be forbidden to enter. He will say: This is that man's valley. He will proceed to ash-Sham (Syria) where Allah will ruin him at the mountain gateway of Afeeq". This Hadith was related by Ahmed alone and its chain of transmission is acceptable, but its text is odd and repudiated![1]

5- Hadith of Jabir ﷺ

Imam Ahmed Ibn Hanbal narrated, on the authority of Jabir Ibn Abdullah ﷺ who said: "The Messenger of Allah ﷺ looked down from one of al-Hara's rifts and said: 'what a good city Madinah is! When Ad-Dajjal appears he will find angels at the mountain passes so he cannot enter it. At that time, Madinah will shake thrice whereupon every man and woman hypocrite will go out of Madinah towards him. Most of them will be women. This day will be Salvation Day, the day when Madinah, like a furnace, expels the

1. This Hadith is classified as Dai'f Munkar (Weak and Denounced), Imam Ahmed (5/221) and at-Tabarani in his book "Al-Kabi 'r"(7/98-99).

Afeeq: is a city in Syria between Damascus and Tiberias.

impurities (bad persons). He (Ad-Dajjal) will be accompanied by seventy thousand Jews with crowns and swords.' The Prophet ﷺ further added, 'the greatest affliction until the Hour be established is Ad-Dajjal. There was no prophet but warned his followers of him; but I will tell you something about him which no prophet has told his followers; then he put his hand on his eyes and said: I testify that Allah is not one-eyed". Related by Ahmed alone, and its chain of authorities is good. Al-Hakim corrected it.[1]

6- Hadith of Ibn Abbas ﷺ

Imam Ahmed reported, on the authority of Ibn Abbas ﷺ, that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ mentioned Ad-Dajjal and said: "He is one-eyed, shiny, bright, and his head looks like a python. The one who resembles him most among the people is Abdul Uzza Ibn Qatan. Your Lord is not one-eyed."[2]

In another version, Imam Ahmed reported, on the authority of Ibn Abbas, that the Prophet ﷺ saw, in his Night Journey to Heaven (Al-Isra')' Ad-Dajjal with his own eyes, and not in a night dream, as well as Jesus and Abraham. When he was asked about Ad-Dajjal, He said: "I saw him stout, shiny and bright; one of his eyes looks like a glittering star and his hair resembles tree branches."[3]

7- Hadith of Hisham Ibn Amir al-Ansari ﷺ

Imam Ahmed narrated, on the authority of Hisham Ibn Amir al-Ansari ﷺ, who said: I heard the Messenger of Allah ﷺ say: "In the interval from Adam's creation till the Hour is established, there will be an affliction greater than that of Ad-Dajjal."

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1. Weak for discontinuous chain of authorities: reported by Imam Ahmed (3/292).
2. Hadith Sahih: Imam Ahmed (1/240- 312,313).
3. Its chain of authorities is Weak and its text is odd and repudiated! Reported by Ahmed (3/374), Abu Ya'la' (2720) and others from on the authority of Ibn Abbas.

Also, Muslim related it on the authority of Hisham Ibn Amir al-Ansari (Radiyallahu Ahnu)[1]

In a version by Ahmed on the authority of Hisham Ibn Amir who said: the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "Ad-Dajjal's head is tangled; one who says: 'you are our Lord' will be allured by him; but, one who says: 'you are lying! Allah is my Lord in Whom I put my trust,' nothing harms him or he ﷺ said: He will not be put to trial."[2]

8- Hadith of A'isha, may Allah be pleased with her

Imam Ahmed narrated, on the authority of A'isha, who said: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ entered while I was weeping and said: "What is it that make you weep?" I said: "O Messenger of Allah, I remembered Ad-Dajjal. Allah's Apostle ﷺ replied: "If he appears in my lifetime I shall suffice you. If he appears after my death, be sure that your Lord is not one-eyed; he will come out of Asbahan's Jews until he reaches Madinah. He will encamp at a place close to it. At that time Madinah will have seven gates and there will be two angels at each gate (guarding it). Evil people will go out of it towards him. He will proceed to ash-Sham, a city in Palestine, at Ludd gate. Jesus, son of Mary, will then descend to kill him and stay on earth for forty years as a just Imam and fair ruler."[3]

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1. Reported by Imam Muslim (2946), Imam Ahmed (4/19-20-21) and others, on the authority of Hisham in a Marfu' Hadith.
2. Reported by Imam Ahmed (4/20), Abdur-Razzaq (11/390) and at-Tabararni (22/175-176).
3. A weak chain of authorities!

   Reported by Ahmed (6/75) on the authority of A'isha, may Allah be pleased with her, its chain of transmission is Weak as al-Hadhrami Ibn Lahiq is involved in it, and I did not recognize an authoritative documentation!

9- Hadith of Asm'a, daughter of Abu Bakr as-Siddiq, May Allah be pleased with them both.

It was confirmed in Sahih al-Bukhari, on the authority of Asm'a, daughter of Abu Bakr, who said in eclipse prayer hadith: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said in his sermon: "Allah has revealed to me that you will be put to trial in the graves soon, a trial similar to the trial of Ad-Dajjal."[1]

10-Hadith of Umm Sharik, may Allah be pleased with her.

It was confirmed in Sahih Muslim, on the authority of Umm Sharik, who said: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "People will flee from Ad-Dajjal to the mountain tops", Umm Sharik said: "O Messenger of Allah! How will Arabs be at that time?" He ﷺ said: "They will be few."[2]

11-Hadith of Umm Salama, may Allah be pleased with her.

Ibn Wahb said: Makhrama Ibn Bukair told me, on the authority of his father, on the authority of Urwa ibn az-Zubair who said: Unim Salama said: I mentioned Ad- Dajjal one night and could not sleep. Next morning I went to the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and informed him. He ﷺ said: "Do not do it, if he appears in my life-time Allah shall make enough for you (spare you his evil). If he appears after my death, He will let the Righteous people suffice you." Then, He ﷺ stood up and said: "There was no prophet but warned his followers of him (Ad-Dajjal); I warn you against him, he is one-eyed whereas Allah is not." Al-Dhahabi said: "Its chain of authorities is strong and sound."

1. Hadith Sahih: Al-Bukhari (86) and Muslim (905).
2. Hadith Sahih: Imam Muslim (2945).

12- Hadith of Ubada Ibn as-Sa'mit ﷺ

Abu Dawud reported, on the authority of Ubada Ibn as-Sa'mit, that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "I have told you so much about Ad-Dajjal that I am afraid you may not understand. False Messiah is a short man, bowlegged, with curly hair, one-eyed, one eye sightless, and neither protruding nor deep-seated. If you are confused about him, know that your Lord, the Great and Almighty, is not one-eyed." It was also related by Imam Ahmed and an-Nasa'i."[1]

13.Hadith of Abu Huraira ﷺ

Imam al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim narrated, on the authority of Abu Huraira ﷺ who said: I have loved the people of the tribe of Bani Tamim ever since I heard three things Allahs Apostle said about them. I heard him say, "These people (of the tribe of Bani Tamim) will stand firm against Ad-Dajjal." When the Sadaqat from that tribe came, Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "These are the Sadaqat (i.e. charitable gifts) of our folk." Aisha had a slave-girl from that tribe, and the Prophet ﷺ said to Aisha, "Release her, as she is a descendant of Ismael (the Prophet)."[2]

14- Hadith of Imran Ibn Husain ﷺ

Imam Abu Dawud reported, on the authority of Imran Ibn Husain who said: the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "Let him who hears of ad-Dajjal go far from him, for I swear by Allah that a man will come to him thinking that he is a believer and follow him, because of the confused ideas he awakens in him."

In a version by Ahmed, on the authority of Imran who said: the Prophet ﷺ said: "Let him who hears of ad-Dajjal go far from him, for a man will come to him thinking that he is a believer; yet

1. Reported by Abu Dawud: (4320), An-Nasa'i' (4/4 19) and Ahmed (51324).
2. Hadith Sahih: Reported by al-Bukhari (2543-4366) and Muslim (2525).

ad-Dajjal will continually show untruths to persuade him to follow him."

The chain of authorities of this Hadith is good.[1]

15- Hadith of al-Mughira Ibn Shu'ba ﷺ

Imam Muslim reported, on the authority of al-Mughira Ibin Shu'ba, who said: No one else asked more questions from the Prophet ﷺ about Ad-Dajjal than I, but he ﷺ simply said: "Why are you worried because of him? He will not harm you." I said: "The people say that he will have with him mountains of bread and rivers of water with him (i.e. he will have abundance of food and water)", whereupon the Prophet ﷺ said, "He will be more insignificant in the Sight of Allah than all these things (belonging to him)."[2]

1. Reported by Abu Dawud: (4319), Ahmed (4/431-441), Ibn Abu Shaibah (8/647), at-Tabarani (18/220-221) and al-Hakim (4/531).
2. Hadith Sahih: Reported by Al-Bukhari (7122) and Muslim (2152-2939).

Some Facts and Truth about Ad-Dajjal, May Allah curse him!

1- As previously stated in the Hadith related by Hudhaifa Ibn al-Yaman: "His water will be fire, and his fire will be cold water, as this is verily seen with one's own eyes"(See Footnote 8)

Some religious scholars like Ibn Hazm, at-Tahawi and others argued from the above Hadith that Ad-Dajjal is distorted and falsified, and his acts are all fanciful and imaginary to those who see them.

However, it is clear from all the above-mentioned Ahadiths that Ad-Dajjal is a trial to test mankind with visible supernatural phenomena, which Allah ﷻ will grant him in his lifetime as previously said. And all this is not drivel or false facts, but a true tribulation with which Allah will test His servants at the end of time. Ad-Dajjal will mislead many people, but more will be guided to the right path; the suspicious will commit blasphemy and believers will be more believing.

Al-Qadi Aya'dh and others construed the meaning of the Hadith: "He will be more insignificant in the Sight of Allah than all these things (belonging to him)" to mean: Ad-Dajjal is too weak to have anything to lead the believers astray, on the grounds that he is blemished, much more deficient, wicked and wrongdoing, although he will create fear in people's hearts. There will be written between his (Ad-Dajjal's) eyes the word Kafir (unbeliever) and the Prophet ﷺ has confirmed it in saying: K F-R (unbelieve)".

2- Many parties of the dissidents, such as Khawarij, Jahamiyya

and some Mu'tazilah[1] denied the advent of Ad-Dajjal completely and rejected the related Ahadiths about him. Consequently, they introduced nothing new and seceded from the religious Scholars' consensus by rejecting the sound Ahadiths transmitted from the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, as previously stated.

3- The Hadith of writing between his eyes (the word Kafir) implies that it is a visible writing and not abstract, as some people have maintained.

4- Ad-Dajjal's eye, may Allah's curse be upon him, is one-eyed, ugly and protruding, and this is the meaning of the Prophet's ﷺ saying: "looks like a bulging-out grape" i.e. floating on water.

5- However, in some Ahadiths it was related: "He is blind in the right eye", and the left eye has also been so described. Accordingly, it may be that blindness occurs in both eyes and that one-eyedness means: deficiency and imperfection.

This is supported by at-Tabarani's narration, on the authority of Ibn Abbas ؓ who said: the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "He

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1. Khawarij: A sect that was formed when a group of people left the camp of Ali ؓ, the fourth Calif, claiming that Ali ؓ should not have agreed to arbitration between himself and Mua'wiyyah ؓ who was the leader of the opposition in the battle of Siffin (36 AH). The Khawarij claimed that no one should agree to any kind of arbitration and denounced all concerned as unbelievers. They extended this rule of unbelief to those who committed any major sin and held every Muslim responsible to fight the sinners.

   Mu'tazilah: Followers of Jahm Ibn Safwan (died 128 AH/745) who taught that Allah has no attributes and that man has no free will of any sort at all.

   Jahmiyya: Are rationalist in their approach to existence. The term means "withdrawers" because they "withdrew" to an intermediate position as regards the evaluation of grave and lesser sins, holding to the position that someone who commits a wrong action is neither a believer nor an unbeliever. They also opposed the view that the Qur'an was eternal and uncreated, believing that this would compromise the uniqueness of Allah.

(Ad-Dajjal) is wavy, shiny, bright, his head looks like branches of a tree, his left eye is obliterated and the other looks like a protruding grape. The one who resembles him most among the people was Abdul Uzza Ibn Qatan. He is one-eyed and your Lord is not one-eyed."[1]

But the text of the above-mentioned Hadith included: "and his other eye looks like a glittering star." (See Footnote 28). Consequently, one of the two above versions will be wrong. Probably, the intended meaning is that the one eye is blind in itself and the other is implicitly blind because of its bulging out, and Allah knows best.

1. Reported by at-Tabarani: (11/273-274).

Why is Ad-Dajjal not Explicitly Mentioned In the Holy Qur'an?

Someone asked: How come that Ad-Dajjal is not explicitly mentioned in the Holy Qur'an, despite his evildoing, wickedness, claiming godhood (though he is clearly lying and calumniating) and that all prophets warned their people against him?

The answer is many-sided:

First: Ad-Dajjal is referred to in the Holy Qur'an:

Allah ﷻ says: (The day that some of the Signs of your Lord do come, no good will it do to a person to believe then, if he believed not before, nor earned righteousness through his Faith)

(Sura Al-An'am: Verse 158)

On interpreting the above verse, at-Tirmidhi reported, on the authority of Abu Huraira who said: The Prophet ﷺ said: "When three things appear faith will not benefit one who has not previously believed or has derived no good from his faith: Ad-Dajjal, the Beast of the earth, and the rising of the sun in its place of setting," then he added: "This Hadith is Hasan Sahih."[1]

Second: Jesus, the son of Mary, will descend down from Heaven and he will kill Ad-Dajjal as stated above (See footnote: 1).

His descent is cited in the Holy Qur'an as Allah ﷻ verily says:

(And because of their saying: "We killed Messiah Jesus, son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah," but they killed

1. Hadith Sahih: Reported by Imam Muslim (158) and at-Tirmidhi (3072), on the authority of Abu Huraira.

> *him not, nor crucified him, but it appeared so unto them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts. They have no knowledge thereof save pursuit of a conjecture. For surely, they killed him not, but Allah raised him (Jesus) up unto himself. And Allah is Ever All-Powerful, All-Wise. And there is not one of the People of the Scripture but must believe in him before his death, and on the Day of Resurrection he will be a witness against them).* *(An-Nisaa: Verses 157-158-159)*

Ibn Kathir stated in his interpretation of the Qur'an that the pronoun in Allah's saying "before his death" refers to Jesus عليه السلام. He عليه السلام will descend on earth, the People of the Book, who greatly differed about him, will believe him, such as those who claimed that he عليه السلام is God, like the Christians, and those who stated that he is an illegitimate child, like the Jews. When he عليه السلام descends before the Day of Resurrection, both parties, the Christians and the Jews, will be certain of how false their calumnies and fabrications are.

Consequently, the mentioning of the descent of Jesus, son of Mary, refers inevitably to the Messiah of Misguidance, as opposed to the Messiah of Guidance عليه السلام.

Third: Ad-Dajjal is not explicitly mentioned in the Qur'an because he, may the curse of Allah be upon him, is low and despicable, as he claimed to be God, and he knows that he is a human being, which is inconsistent with God's Majesty, Glory and infallibility. Therefore, he is too mean to be cited by Allah in the Holy Qur'an.

However, Messengers of Allah clarified his acts and warned their people from his misleading affliction and supernatural phenomena. Allah was content to reveal this to the Prophets. If one says: Pharaoh is mentioned in the Holy Qur'an, though he claimed to be god when he says: (I am your Lord, Most High) (An-Naziat: Verse 24) and he says: (O Chiefs! No god I know for you but myself). (Al-Qasas: Verse 38)

The answer is: Pharaoh's case elapsed, and his lying is plain to every wise believer, but Ad-Dajjal's case will emerge and it will be a trial and a test for the servants; therefore, he is not mentioned in the Qur'an out of contempt, and as a trial to all mankind.

Four: A matter may be left out since it is obvious; this is our case, the matter is too clear to be mentioned in the Qur'an.

Acts and Supplications That Grant Full Protection Against Ad-Dajjal

They include:

1. Seeking refuge in Allah from his afflictions

It is confirmed in the sound Ahadiths that: "The Messenger of Allah ﷺ used to seek refuge with Allah from the trial of Ad-Dajjal in his prayer."[1]

And that he ﷺ ordered his Ummah: "When any one of you utters Tashahhud (in prayer) he must seek refuge with Allah from four (trials) and should thus say: "O Allah! I seek refuge with you from the torment of Hell, from the torment of the grave, from the trial of life and death and from the evil of the trial of Masih ad-Dajjal."[2]

Sheikh al-Hafez Abu Abdullah ad-Dhahabi said: seeking refuge with Allah from Ad-Dajjal is related by a chain of authorities to the Messenger of Allahﷺ.

2. Memorizing Ten Verses from Surat Al-kahf

Abu Dawud reported, on the authority of Ad-Dard'a, that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "If anyone learns by heart the first ten

1. Hadith Sahih: Reported by Al-Bukhari (832-833) and Muslim (587-589), on the authority of Aisha.
2. Hadith Sahih: Reported by Muslim (588-589), on the authority of Abu Huraira.

verses of the Surat al-Kahf, he will be protected from the trial of Ad-Dajjal."[1]

3. Standing aloof from him

As previously stated in the Hadith reported, on the authority of Imran Ibn Husain: "Let him who hears of ad-Dajjal go far from him, for I swear by Allah that a man will come to him thinking that he is a believer and follow him because of confused ideas he awakens in him."

3. Living in the two Sanctuaries: Madinah and Makkah

It is confirmed in the Sahih that:

"Ad-Dajjal will not be able to enter Makkah and Madinah; angels will guard them."

This is due to the fact that Allah ﷻ has honoured them, because they are two holy cities and places of safety; however:

"Ad-Dajjal will come and encamp at a place close to Madinah and then Madinah will shake thrice (i.e. three earthquakes will take place) and all the male and female hypocrites will come up to him." In another narration: "All unbelievers and hypocrites."(See Footnote 21).

A summary of the teaching on Ad-Dajjal May Allah's curse be upon him

1. Ad-Dajjal is a human being whom Allah, be He exalted, created as an affliction and trial for people at the end of the world. Many will be misled by him but many will remain rightly guided, and only the impious will be lead astray.
2. We have clearly confirmed above that Ad-Dajjal is not Ibn

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1. Hadith Sahih: Reported by Muslim (809), Abu Dawud (4323), an-Nasa'i' (6/236), Ahmed (6/449) and Ibn as-Suni (675).

Sayyad and that Ibn Sayyad was one of the imposters who embraced Islam outwardly, and Allah is most knowing of his innermost secrets.

The Great Deceiver (ad-Dajjal) is the one mentioned in the Hadith reported by Fatima bint Qais, from Allah's Apostle ﷺ, with regard to Tamim ad-Dari's narration.

3. He will be permitted to come out at the end of the world: his point of departure will be Asbahan, specifically from a place called Al-Yahudiyya (Judaism).[1]
4. Seventy thousands Jews of its inhabitants will support him with weapons and wearing shawl-like garments.
5. He will appear first as a tyrant king; then he will claim prophethood[2] and godhood. The ignorant, and common people will follow him, while the pious and God-fearing believers, who are rightly guided by Allah, will stand against him.
6. He will conquer the world and capture each country, stronghold, region and town.

   And there will be no town, which Ad-Dajjal will not enter except Makkah and Madinah.
7. The duration of his stay on earth will be forty days: one as long as a year, one as long as a month and one as long as a week. His remaining days will be as people's standard days. His average will be one year, two months and a fortnight.
8. Allah has granted him many supernatural phenomena that will mislead those destined for this, and make believers more faithful and rightly guided.
9. Jesus ﷺ, son of Mary, "the Messiah of Guidance" will descend during the days of the False Messiah "Messiah of Misguidance" on the Eastern Minaret in Damascus.

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1. There is no sound evidence of this.
2. I have not come across any evidence that confirms this.

Believers will gather around him and pious servants of Allah will rally around him. Jesus عليه السلام will lead them to kill Ad-Dajjal, who has proceeded to Jerusalem. Ad-Dajjal will flee from him to the city of Ludd where Jesus عليه السلام will catch him.

10. When Ad-Dajjal faces Jesus عليه السلام he will melt as salt dissolves in water. Jesus عليه السلام will follow him and kill him with a spear at Ludd gate. This is where ad-Dajjal's death will occur.

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A brief description of Ad-Dajjal, May Allah's curse be upon him

1. The sound Hadith previously mentioned confirm that he is "one-eyed".
2. He is "red" and in a clear narration he was described as "White". This can be taken to mean that he is: "White, light, reddish".
3. He is: "stout" and in another narration in the Hadith of Jassasah, he is described as "A well-built person"
4. "There will be written between his (Ad-Dajjal's) eyes the word kafir (unbeliever) to be read by all literate and illiterate believers", and in another narration, "to be read by all Muslims."
5. He is: "hairy" and that "his head looks like a python". In another narration: "his hair is curly and entangled" i.e. coarse and wavy

We ask Allah ﷻ to grant us protection and salvation from the trial of Ad-Dajjal, from the trial of living and dying, from the trial of prosperity and adversity and all other afflictions, concealed or visible. He ﷻ is the Honourable and the Majestic; He ﷻ is our Protector and Saviour. Our last supplication is Praise be to Allah, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the Worlds.

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